New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development

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MEMORANDUM

TO: CORD Members and Other Interested Parties Rhona Charbonneau, Chair

Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners

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Richard Hinch, Chairman Town of Merrimack Board of Selectmen P.O. Box 940 Merrimack, NH 03054 Stephen Williams, Executive Director Nashua Regional Planning Commission 115 Main Street P.O. Box 847 Nashua, NH 03061

FROM: Benjamin D. Frost, Senior Planner

DATE: April 6, 2005

SUBJECT: State Owned Land, Surplus Land Review, Town of Merrimack

SLR 05-009

RESPONSE DATE: May 6, 2005

Please review the attached information to determine if your agency has any interest in this transaction. If there is an interest, please notify this office of your intent in writing by the response date indicated above. The Council on Resources and Development will consider the request at the next meeting following the comment period.

The Department of Cultural Resources is asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 227-C:9.

Members of the Public Water Access Advisory Board are asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 233-A.

The Lakes Management and Protection Program, through the Lakes Coordinator, is asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 483-A:5, II.

The Rivers Management and Protection Program, through the Rivers Coordinator, is asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 483:8, VI and 14.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE INTER-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

FROM: William P. Janelle, PE DATE: April 5, 2005

Administrator

AT: Dept. of Transportation

Bureau Right-of-Way

SUBJECT: Transfer of State Owned Land and Conservation Easement in Merrimack

TO: MaryAnn Manoogian, Director

Office of Energy and Planning

The Department of Transportation has received a request from the Town of Merrimack for the opportunity to acquire two parcels of State owned land consisting of 21.8 acres and 2.7 acres located on the southerly side of Continental Boulevard in the Town of Merrimack.

Further, the Department also requests approval to transfer to the Town of Merrimack a Conservation Easement consisting of sixty thousand five hundred (60,500) square feet currently owned by the State on a parcel of land owned by Pennichuck Water Works adjacent to the 21.8 acres State owned parcel.

These parcels and the conservation easement were acquired by the State in 1992 and 1993 respectively to satisfy State and Federal Wetland Mitigation requirements due to the construction impacts of the relocation of Camp Sargent Road through this area.

The Department would continue to assume full responsibility for the fulfillment of commitment's made during the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) process or as required by permits relative to these parcels. These parcels would be transferred subject to conservation easements, which would not allow development and would provide that they be preserved in a natural state.

This request has been reviewed by this Department and it has been determined that it is surplus to our operational needs and interest.

Would you please screen this request through the New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development to determine if this property and conservation easement is surplus to the needs and interest of the State for the purpose of disposal.

If you should have any questions, please contact Phillip J. Miles of this Bureau at (603) 271-6917. Thank you.

WPJ/PJM/dmp Attachment

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REQUEST FOR SURPLUS LAND REVIEW ACTION

Name of Agency Requesting Action: Department of Transportation
Location of Property: Southerly side of Continental Boulevard in the Town of Merrimack
Acreage: Two parcels: 21.8 Acres and 2.7 Acres Conservation Easement 67,000 Square Feet
Tax Map/Lot #: Two parcels: Map 2B (Lot 358-4 and 357-1) and Map 2B, Lot 324-3 Conservation Easement: Located on parcel Map 2B, Lot 324
Requested Action: To be declared surplus for the purpose of disposal
Agency Contact Person: Phillip J. Miles, Property Manager, at 271-6917
Please provide the following information, if known, about the property. Attach map(s) showing the location of the property.
1. What is the current use for this property? Wetland Mitigation sites
2. What is the proposed use of this property? To remain in their natural state as wetland mitigation sites with conservation easements
3. Are there any structures located on this property? If so, how many and what kind? No
4. Are there any water resources related to this property? If so, please indicate the size or extent of such resources. Yes, both parcels are adjacent to Pennichuck Brook. Portion of parcels are wetland
5. Please list any other significant resources known to be located on this property. Noteworthy archeological sites.
6. Was this property purchased with federal highway funds? Yes _X_ No
7. Is access to this property available? Yes _X_ No
8. Request has been cleared for Historic Resources? Yes No _X_



